



# Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

## MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2016, 11:30 AM

Harold Bishop Fire Hall, 7667 Pacific Rim Highway, Port Alberni, BC

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### DIRECTORS

Josie Osborne, Chairperson, District of Tofino

### PRESENT:

Penny Cote, Vice-Chair, Electoral Area "D" (Sproat Lake)

Keith Wyton, Director, Electoral Area "A" (Bamfield)

Mike Kokura, Director, Electoral Area "B" (Beaufort)

Tony Bennett, Director, Electoral Area "C" (Long Beach)

John McNabb, Director, Electoral Area "E" (Beaver Creek)

Lucas Banton, Director, Electoral Area "F" (Cherry Creek)

Mike Ruttan, Mayor, City of Port Alberni

Ron Paulson (Alternate Director), Councillor, City of Port Alberni

Dianne St. Jacques, Mayor, District of Ucluelet

Alan McCarthy, Member of Legislature, Yuułu?it?ath Government

Wilfred Cootes, Councillor, Uchucklesaht Tribe Government

Kirsten Johnson, Councillor, Toquaht Nation (non-voting member)

### REGRETS:

Jack McLeman, Councillor, City of Port Alberni

John Jack, Councillor, Huu-ay-aht First Nation

### STAFF PRESENT:

Wendy Thomson, Manager of Administrative Services

Andrew McGifford, Manager of Environmental Services

Teri Fong, Manager of Finance

Mike Irg, Manager of Planning and Development

Shelli Lyle, Administrative Assistant

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 11:30 am.

The Chairperson recognized the meeting today is being held in the Tseshaht First Nation and the Hupacasath First Nation Traditional Territories.

### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*MOVED: Director McNabb*

*SECONDED: Director McCarthy*

*THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.*

**CARRIED**

Introductions were conducted around the table.

### 3. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

a. **Coastal Fire Centre, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations regarding Dog Mountain Fire 2015 and Plans/Resources for the 2016 Wildfire Season in the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District.**

- **Mr. Ken Taekema, Fire Centre Manager**
- **Mr. Nigel Burrows, Senior Protection Officer**
- **Mr. Clint Parker, Senior Protection Officers**
- **Ms. Donna MacPherson, Fire Information Officer**
- **Mr. Alan Berry, Local Zone Supervisor**

Mr. Burrows, Senior Protection Officer, on behalf of Coastal Fire Centre provided a power point presentation that reviewed the coastal area and resources explaining there are 160 fire fighters, 35 officers and support staff they can field in the fire center itself. They are able to contract 220 fire fighters. Provincially there are 6 fire centers and 1600 firefighters and the CFC has the option to bring them in to fight fire and are also able to bring in outside resources, such from Canada, the USA and others such as Australia. The CFC does not own any aviation resources.

The Regional Strategic Wildfire Allocation Protocol (RSWAP) mirrors BCEMS values.

1. Human life and safety,
2. Property,
3. High environmental values,
4. Resource values

In closing the delegation provided an overview of the events that unfolded regarding the Dog Mountain Fire and answered the Board and guest's questions.

**4. ADJOURN**

*MOVED: Director Cote*

*SECONDED: Director Poulson*

*THAT this meeting be adjourned at 12:50 pm.*

**CARRIED**

Certified Correct:

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Josie Osborne,  
Chairperson

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Wendy Thomson,  
Manager of Administrative Services